

MERRILL POND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

(Sutton)

SIZE: A somewhat distinct, multi-parcel area totaling 729 acres. Access is off

West Sutton Road, Hutchinson Road, Hudson Road and Eight Lots Road.

U.S.G.S. Quad: Worcester South

VEGETATION: The long, narrow eastern parcel is composed of mixed conifers and

hardwoods surrounding ponds and open marsh habitat. The western parcels and small out holdings are composed of upland mixed forest with

some large areas of marsh and wooded swamp.

WATER: This eastern parcel was formerly a warm water fish hatchery and it is

essentially a series of small pond impoundment, some of which may be quite shallow and marshy due to siltation and structural problems with the dams. However, some of the ponds always offer good fishing for bass,

pickerel and panfish.

WILDLIFE: Waterfowl, aquatic fur-bearers, deer, coyote, wading birds and numerous

aquatic and semi-aquatic nongame species. This area is **not** stocked with

pheasant.

SPECIAL

REGULATIONS: None. Note, however, that due to the proximity of roads and houses, some

of the area is **not** huntable.